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Cultivate a Leader: Girls Rock the Capitol

Legislative internship program through Girl Scouts of the Green and White Mountains

Do you know a girl 15-18 who would be interested in spending the 2013/2014 school year learning from the inside what Vermont government is all about? *Girls Rock the Capitol Legislative Internship* program is starting its eighth year in VT and third year in NH! Girls are paired with a woman state legislator and acquire the skills necessary to express concerns to people in positions of power and move toward positive change in our state. Interns must be articulate, mature and interested in advocacy or political service. Interns must be able to fully participate on all State House days, as well as training and evaluation. This commitment includes, but is not limited to, a fall weekend training session November 30-December 1, 2012, attending 6 full-day legislative sessions, and attending your local town meeting. A draft schedule is in development. Please note: girls will need to arrange their own travel to the state house by 8:45 am on all legislative visit days. Accommodations for special health concerns can be made. Additional days may be made available to interns. Participants must complete and return applications by October 31st. Learn more: call program coordinator Michelle Carignan at 1.888.474.9686 x142 or e-mail mcarignan@girlscoutsgwm.org.

Governor's Early Childhood Summit Save-the-Date Announcement Pre-Early Childhood Summit Focus Sessions – <u>Registration Now Open</u>

Summit: Governor Shumlin announced an early childhood Summit in his second inaugural address. This Summit is now scheduled for Tuesday, October 29th, at the Capitol Plaza Hotel in Montpelier, and will be a unique opportunity to discuss an overarching Early Childhood Framework for our state which will guide Vermont's individual and collective work to ensure the healthy development of all young children. Learn more here:

http://dcf.vermont.gov/sites/dcf/files/pdf/cdd/proposed/SummitUpdate%232%20061813.pdf

Pre-Summit Focus Sessions: The sessions, taking place around the state, are intended to provide Vermonters with an opportunity to share perspectives and ideas on a range of topics. The ideas and recommendations that emerge from these sessions will feed into the early childhood framework that will be one of the outcomes of the Summit. Participants should think beyond their own "role" (employer, parent, educator, community member, advocate, service provider, etc.) when deciding which focus session(s) to attend. These sessions will be a rare opportunity to think expansively and "outside the box" about what it will take to realize the promise of every Vermont child.

Sessions Schedule/Date/Topic:

Tuesday, July 30 in Middlebury - creating a comprehensive and connected range of services and supports for young children and their families and ensuring access and equity to those services and supports (housing, transportation, food, employment, medical care, mental health care, substance abuse counseling, etc.)

Wednesday, July 31 in Montpelier - structuring intentional collaboration, communication and aligned practice among diverse partners

Monday, August 12 in Brattleboro - promoting a holistic, shared and consistent approach to pedagogy and practice from infancy through third grade

Tuesday, August 13 in White River Junction - valuing and engaging families as decision makers (within families, in policy development, in programming, for the system)

Wednesday, September 4 in Rutland - developing a competent workforce across disciplines built upon a shared foundation (knowledge and skills)

Tuesday, September 10 in Burlington - ensuring a sustainable and accountable early childhood financing structure

Thursday, September 12 in Morrisville - building and sustaining child-centered communities

Thursday, September 26th in Randolph - focus group with parents

Saturday, September 28th in Randolph - participants will determine which of the topics listed above will be discussed.

Registration for the Pre-Summit focus sessions is will close on Friday, July 19th, at 4:00 PM. Late registrations will not be accepted. In order to ensure good discussion and brainstorming, each session will be limited to 50 participants. To <u>register</u>, go to: https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/GECSummit.

All the focus sessions—with the exception of the 9/28/13 session—will start at 9:30 AM and end by 4:00 PM. The 9/28/13 session will go from 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM. Snacks will be provided. Currently, participants will be responsible for their own lunch. If more than 50 people register for any of the focus sessions, a second focus session on that topic will be scheduled for Sept. 24th and/or Sept. 26th. In that case, individuals who didn't make the registration date "cut-off" will be informed of the date and time of the second session. Child care will not be provided. Participants will be notified of venue location once they have registered.

For questions regarding registration, contact Leslie Mitrano in the Child Development Division (Vermont Department for Children and Families) at Leslie.Mitrano@state.vt.us. For general questions regarding the pre-Summit focus sessions or the Summit, contact Kim Friedman, Summit Planner, at kfriedman@svcable.net or 802-348-9879.

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Catch up on the progress in equal pay issues in Vermont: link to VCW's homepage and read all about it: www.women.vermont.gov

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Does your school or homeschool community participate in Women Can Do!?

This year's 15th Annual Conference for Girls takes place Thursday, October 17th at Vermont Technical College campus, Randolph Center and runs from 8:45 to 2:30. Started in 1999 as an outgrowth of a regional conference for trades women, Women Can Do now serves almost 400 students and teachers from over 60 schools each year. Its goals are twofold: to expose all girls to the unlimited career

possibilities available to them through trades and technology and to support girls who are enrolled in nontraditional programs in technical and career centers. The workshops are taught mostly by women who are practicing professionals in their field. They are all hands-on, designed to give girls the opportunity to actually try out the real equipment and tools and techniques used on the job. Girls at the conference might get to drive a bulldozer, use a chainsaw, operate a fire hose, solder a pipe, or build a web page. Registration deadline is Oct. 7th. They can investigate a mock crime scene, try their hand at drafting and create their own computer animation. Learn more, and let your school community know: http://vtworksforwomen.org/womencando/women-can-do-forms/

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